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PEOPLE ON THE MOVE – THE MARSHALL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

DENVER- Steve Tool, Executive Director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing is pleased to announce that tomorrow, Lisa Esgar, Senior Director of Operations & Finance, will embark on a very prestigious international fellowship that originates through the German Marshall Fund. The German Marshall Fund (GMF) of the United States is a nonpartisan American public policy and grant-making institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe.

Ms. Esgar's fellowship extends from October 5 – 29, 2006. The Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) provides a unique opportunity for emerging leaders from the United States and Europe to explore societies, institutions, and people on the other side of the Atlantic. American and European Fellows visit about six cities and meet with a range of policymakers and prominent members of the business, government, political, NGO, and media communities. The GMF provides Fellows with an invaluable local perspective on the transatlantic and domestic issues on the agenda. American Marshall Memorial Fellows are selected annually through a competitive regional and national process in the United States.

"The mission of the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing is to purchase cost-effective health care for qualified, low-income Coloradans."

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Candidates must be nominated for the program by a recognized leader in their community and are required to submit a written application and undergo an interview.

Ms. Esgar was nominated for her health care experience, her expertise in budgeting, senior management standing, and her commitment to Colorado and efficient health care administration. She was supported by letters of reference from critical leaders in the Colorado community.

"I am extremely honored to have been selected, and supported by successful leaders in the Colorado community. Exchanging ideas with leaders in European counties and visiting European health care and governmental programs can give us ideas for innovation in the United States. That's what I hope to achieve, in addition to giving them some exposure to our issues here in Colorado" said Ms. Esgar.

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